

and delight in the daily offered and
inoffensive sacri-
ficial food.

2. They are the firm friends of steady
vigour, who,
proceeding resolute on their way, willingly
protect
(our) numerous (descendants).

3. Gliding along, and shedding moisture,
they pass
through the nights: therefore we now
celebrate the
might of the MARUTS, manifested in both
heaven, and
earth.

4. We enjoin you, (priests), to offer
earnestly praise
and sacrifice to the MARUTS, who, through
all human
ages, protect the mortal 'worshipper from
harm.

5. Offer sacrifice to the adorable MARUTS,
who (have
come) from heaven, who are worthy of
worship, muni-
ficent leaders (of rites),, and possessors of
unequalled
strength,

6. Leaders (of the rains), the mighty
MARUTS shine
with brilliant ornaments-and weapons, and
hurl jave-
lins (at their foes, the clouds): the
lightnings, like
roaring (torrents), daily follow the
MARUTS: the
radiance of the resplendent (cohort)
spontaneously
breaks forth.

7. The MARUTS, who are of the earth¹
are aug-
mented, so are those in the vast
firmament: they
increase in the force of the rivers, and in the
aggregate
of % spacious heaven.

8. Glorify the truth-invigorated and
infinite strength
of the MARUTS, for they, the leaders (of
the rains),
gliding along, are labouring voluntarily
for (our)
good.

9. Whether they (abide) on the *Parushni*
(river),

¹ *Ye pdrihitd, pritti&tmaddlutk, connected*

with the earth;